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The American continental border with Mexico
is 3,201 kilometers long.

Over 1050 kilometers of barrier has been built along the border
since 1994, and continues to expand every year.

The U.S. has spent over \$132 billion since 2005 on border
security, including thousands of agents, fencing, ground sensors,
surveillance cameras, radar, helicopters, and drones.

Over 1000

migrants attempt to make the crossing every day.

The U.S. Border Patrol prevents just over half of these attempts.

About a quarter of those caught are making the attempt
for a second or third time.

Though the number of migrants has decreased over the years,
reported deaths has increased by 17 percent in the last year
alone, due to the increasingly militarized border.

NGOs estimate that since 1994, about 10,000 people
have died in their attempt to cross.

The actual number of people dying is likely higher given migrant
fatalities often occur while people cross vast desert regions,
or attempt to swim across the Rio Grande.

Despite the barrier, the size of the U.S.' undocumented
population is currently estimated at about 11.1 million.